

So when they came to our feast, even if we have no knives and forks and some other things, we hope they will enjoy it equally. We trust that the human soul will have progressed sufficiently that a knife and fork or plate or article of diet will never mar the charity or blunt the spiritual enjoyment of the feast.

By keeping in mind the true import of the feast, and that it is a means of grace, we will be safe. It is not so much what we feed the stomach on, as what the soul retains, that makes the feast a success.

Let us all work for the advancement and nourishment of the soul, and we will not go far wrong.

The feast of eternity, which our feast typifies will be a feast of good things. A feast of praises and eternal joy. So let us make the type. We love to meet the Brethren on such grounds. Remembering what it typifies, it makes but little difference to me what it consists of.

The greatest feast of this kind I ever enjoyed was a feast of bread and water, at the bedside of a dying sister, who expired a few moments after the feast. Too sick and poor to do anything better, she insisted on that rather than anything better. So we can always get a feast if the soul is right, even if we cannot get everything according to a certain rule. Often a cold formality, where everything has to reach a certain standard and rule, there is enough of coldness to freeze the meeting. Especially is this the case, if the participants are inclined to get dissatisfied if they do not get their own way.

I hope the day is far distant, when we, who delight and glory because of our progressive principles, will measure our religion by the amount of food we eat. When the divine blessing will be bestowed in accordance with what we eat, I will be a strong advocate of gluttony, on the principle the more we eat the greater the blessing.

Let the greatest dish at our love feasts be charity, and let us eat of it without stint, and we shall go away filled with that which will regulate our lives for the time to come.

"There are spots in your feasts of charity," was an old complaint. Let us steer clear of them. These spots are not alike in all.

We hope to have a love feast at Little York and Miamisburg this fall, and we extend a hearty invitation to all, the Bear Creek congregation especially as it is the nearest to us.

PLEASANT HILL.

Last Saturday and Sunday we had our regular meeting here.

On Saturday evening, one soul came out on the right side.

On Sunday evening another soul made the good confession.

On Sunday after morning services, we baptized two valiant soldiers.

On our next visit 3 more applicants will be baptized.

On July 29th, the Pleasant Hill Sunday school will have a picnic. All the neighboring Sunday school are cordially invited.

Due notice will be given to each S. S. in ample time to make the necessary arrangements. We hope Bro. Brumbaugh will please remember there will be at least two children's meetings.

DAYTON.

Last Tuesday I was unexpectedly requested to come to preach Bro. Protzman's funeral.

During last winter I had learned to love Bro. Protzman. He was diligent and full of zeal for the cause. As Bro. Kiehl will write the obituary we will say no more.

MIAMISBURG.

With wife and family we are now staying out for our regular fortnightly appointment. Every thing looks hopeful for a good meeting.

We expect on next Monday to do some baptizing, of which a full report will be given.

LITTLE YORK.

On Friday evening, the 13th, we will commence a meeting at Little York, to continue over Sunday.

On Sunday we expect to baptize several applicants. We hope to have some who have not made an application.

God bless the cause in the Miami valley.

EDWARD MASON.

Things in General, Some Things In Particular.

Our Home Work.—Sunday night, July 1st, we again led an applicant into the baptismal pool and trust others may soon follow. The trouble with city work is,

some have an idea nothing can be done in warm weather, and many churches close during August and July. I trust the time will not come when we will have to take a vacation and let the devil have full sway. It is hard work to keep at it, but it should be done. If we keep together and work, we are ready when the blessing comes. The Progressive Gleamers, composed of Sunday School scholars, raised for the building fund last quarter, \$25. This was their first effort and was good. We thank them.

That Preacher Is An Ignoramus.—I mean the one who uses levity in the pulpit, who tries to get his congregation to laugh; whose aim is to make fun. Only this and nothing more. He is worse than an ignoramus, but I do not like to say what he is, for I am afraid of "hell fire." I am sorry there are some brethren in the west guilty of this sin. Of course the editorial was aimed at the wrong, not at a man of straw. Brethren, you ought to do better than this. It is well, however, to remember that there is a difference between a man whose object is levity and a man who, under the inspiration of the moment, says a truth so pointed as to excite a smile. There is no sin in such a smile, even in church. I know a man who gets up and talks pious, and then brags about the "serious racket" he plays on the congregation, and when I hear or read wholesale articles they smell musty, just like that fellow talks. It is well to be serious, but it is well to remember that people are different in make-up, and that there is more religion in one man's smile than in another man's frown.

The Marriage Altar.—Bro. Hymen L. Sands and Sister Emma L. Bossart were united in marriage on Sunday evening, June 24, 1888. Bro. Hymen is a member of our church. Sister Emma is a member of the German Baptist church, J. K. Reiner, pastor, who assisted at the marriage. Bro. Harry Sands and the daughter of Pastor Reiner waited on the couple. We wish the united ones happiness as they journey down life's stream together. They are married. May they be happy. One way to be happy is to bear one another's burdens, and not stop courting after the honeymoon ends. Marriage is divinely ordained, but happiness is not insured unless the conditions are complied with.

A Word to Bro. S. P. Stevens.—I agree with you exactly in regard to puffs, eulogizing, etc. Sometimes you can't tell what is meant unless you read between the lines, and then you read between the lines; nothing good. When a man pats and hugs and flatters me, I always think of the snake who covers his victim with slime before taking it in. A plain statement of fact, an article of news, etc., is a different thing. We might have more, but this taffy factory that is run by some men for the purpose of catching others, in my judgment amounts to all that is wrong. If you are a Progressive, be one. Give the devil his due—which is sin, but do not let him get a mortgage on you by comprising your principles.

Just As It Should Be.—Under the title of "Our Church," in No. 27, are a number of short articles with news from the churches.

This is as it should be. If a preacher, or deacon, or member, or two or three, would keep a postal card near at hand, and when an item of news is found, send it off. The paper might be filled with short, snappy articles, and the churches would know each other. As it is, the paper sometimes is filled, and if all was compressed, would make a very small ball. It is not the manager's fault. If you want to help, do your part. An editor cannot smell news all over a church, though some people think he can, just as a pastor can smell sickness when it breaks out in his congregation.

Bro. Brown's Assertion.—Speaking of knives, dishes, excessive eating, etc., regarding the supper in connection with the communion, and those who have spoken of some things in connection with these things, he says: "who is never satisfied with the accepted usage of the church as founded upon the gospel." I very kindly ask Bro. Brown for the book and passage upon which the practice of using knives and forks and soup in connection with the communion is based. I am not an alarmist, neither do I wish to introduce new practices into the church. But as we are said to be congregational in government and scriptural in practice, I desire what I have long desired, knowledge on this question. Knowledge from the Bible.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

North Manchester, Ind.

The heading of this article is now our address. Since our last writing in the EVANGELIST we have changed our home from Ashland, O., to North Manchester, Ind. We were loth to leave Ashland, for we had been there so long. Time, however, brought about circumstances which took us to another field for a time at least. We thought best to locate at Manchester until our work would become more fixed, as there we would be near our parents and relatives, and also where much work can be done. We are now settled down again and once more feel at home. When our friends come to see us we shall also try to make them feel at home.

We have been asked "Why have you been so silent about the College question?" Our answer is brief. It is this: We had not the money to back up what we might say. We had been connected with the school as student and teacher since the school was a school, except most of the last year. We had donated all we could by the way of hard work and money. The time had come when talk from us would do no good unless we could give money, for that was the one thing needed. So we thought it best, on our part, to remain silent, and allow others to talk who had more money than we. We were anxious all along to retain the school, if possible. We are still anxious to retain it, and shall work for its success. We, as a church, need the school and should make a Christian effort to hold it. But should we say or feel that if we lose the school, we, as a church, are no more? To my mind we should not. If our church has truth and principle at its bottom it will not sink at a material failure. We have more faith in

God's Word than that. We have more faith in the Brethren church than that.

The S. S. C. E. in the Manchester church is doing effective work. The organization is increasing in numerical and spiritual strength.

Last Sunday evening the W. C. T. U. of Manchester, gave its public meeting for last quarter, at the Brethren Church. The meeting was pronounced a decided success. The house was not large enough to seat all who came. A marked feature of the meeting was a united effort of all the churches in town, save the G. B. The subjects spoken upon by different speakers were: "The Sabbath in the Family," "Sabbath Legislation," "Sabbath Travel and Excursions," "Our Country and the Sabbath." It should be encouraging to our people to know that we are becoming more united with the Christian world in these different reforms. May we become more united.

W. C. PERRY.

Falls City Items.

Brother Bashor preached fourteen sermons for us in the Silvercreek Meeting House, beginning June 22nd, and closing July 3rd, in the evening. We had our love feast on Monday evening, July 2nd, thus allowing the whole of Sunday for preaching services. We had three services on Sunday preceding the love-feast, besides Sunday School in the morning. The congregation came to church provided with lunch, and in this way were enabled to make an all day of it, and it proved a day of great spiritual enjoyment.

On Monday we met at the water and baptized those who had made the good confession of faith in Christ Jesus, to the number of thirteen souls, and in the evening after the feast when the invitation was given, two more came forward, making fifteen in all, as the result, of this revival held during a season when farm work was demanding time and attention. The attendance throughout the meetings was good and the result very gratifying to the church.

Brother Bashor's stay in California, or rather, perhaps, his needed rest from years of hard labor in the ministry has improved him very much, and he enters into the work with his old-time energy and enthusiasm.

He goes from here to Kansas, and expects to continue in the field during the summer and fall, and after a short vacation during next winter also.

E. L. YODER.

Myrtle Point, Oregon.

June 18th.—In my last I referred to our Sunday School. It still goes on. The Brethren and sisters are encouraged. In the last two months we have taken into the church five members. This makes us believe our labors are not in vain, and there are others who say they will soon come and go with us. The good people of our town treated us to a large bell for our church house.

I understand that there are two Old Order elders in our neighborhood. I have not met them yet. I sent them word that they could have the use of our house to preach in. What they will do is to be found out yet.

Our crops look well. Health

is good. The people call for more preaching than I can do. We would like to do something for the College, but our house takes all we can spare. We do hope the brethren will raise it. Pray for us in Oregon.

WM. PULLEN.

OUR CHURCH.

The good work is still moving on.

Considerable matter came in too late for this issue.

Bro. Bashor's address will be Sabetha, Kansas, for fifteen days from this date.

Next week we expect the S. S. C. E. will come to the front again and press the contest toward victory.

The cause is looming up at Bryan, Ohio. An increased subscription list is evidence of the fact.

Brother W. C. Perry and his worthy wife are now "homefied" in North Manchester, Ind., and we may expect to hear from them occasionally.

Sister Laura Slotter came to Ashland last week and viewed the old fort of Progressivism. She visited her son, Bro. Ira, who is engaged in this office. She is still full of enthusiasm for the cause, left \$25.00 for the College, and livened the people whom she met with her cheery presence.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Just returned from the Salem Church, Howard Co., Ind. Congregations large and interest good. I gave an invitation on Lord's day evening and one young man came forward and cast his lot with the Brethren church. Praise the Lord.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

July 2, 1888.

Oakville, Ind., July 2, 1888:—By request of Bro. Swihart, I came here Saturday evening to fill his appointments over Sunday. Find the members alive to the work. Had a good audience at each meeting, both in quantity and quality. This church is certainly as a city set on a hill, and we believe through the continued labors of Bro. Swihart will be able to do great good. We had a pleasant time while with them.

B. L. GORDON.

The communion meeting of the Manor congregation is among the things of the past. The meeting was held in the barn of Mr. Richard McGanghey, on the evening of the 1st day of July. The congregation was very large and the order and interest were all that could be desired, and were much beyond our expectation. The services were much enjoyed by the little flock who are faithful workers in the vineyard of the Lord's right-hand planting. Some of those who enjoyed the meeting are quite old. Maybe our next communion will be in the heavenly world. We are expecting an ingathering in the Manor congregation in the near future. May God's choice blessings rest upon the faithful everywhere.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

Receivers Sale.

HENRY K. MYERS

VS.

ASHLAND COLLEGE.

In pursuance of an order of our court of Common Pleas, to me directed, I will offer at private sale, on

Saturday, July 14th, 1888,

at 4 o'clock P. M., in the Clerk's office at the Court House in Ashland, Ohio, the following premises, to wit, known as the Ashland College property: All the portion of said premises lying west of the line formed by a continuation of the center of Grant street of said village of Ashland, Ohio, southward to the south boundary of said premises and containing about seventeen (17) acres of land, and being that portion of said premises on which the buildings are situated.

Also all that portion of the said property lying east of a line formed by a continuation of the center of Grant street in said village of Ashland, O., southward to the south boundary of said premises, and containing about (10) acres of land. Said first mentioned parcel appraised at eighteen thousand five hundred (\$18,500) dollars. Said last mentioned tract appraised at four thousand (\$4,000) dollars.

Said premises will be sold in two separate parcels and will not be sold for less than their appraised values, and on the following terms: one-third cash in hand, one-third in one year and one-third in two years, with approved security.

CLOYD MANSFIELD.

Receiver Ashland College.